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scope. This is similar...we have a very similar procedure to this in the banking regulations when there's banking audits, so it's not something I just dreamed up. It's something we borrowed from other sections of law and I would urge its adoption. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. (Doctor of the day and visitors introduced.) Debate on the Kristensen amendment to AM1908 to LB 620, Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. President, I'm not going to oppose this amendment, but I think we ought to put it in context. Occasionally in the Revenue Committee, and I don't know whether other committees have to deal with bond counsel or not, maybe Urban Affairs has to deal with bond counsel, anyway, bond counsel I think are folks who...and I've never tried to act as bond counsel so I'm not trying to disparage persons in the legal profession, but occasionally bond counsel chase problems and they drive you nuts because you can't figure out the problem that they're talking about but they're absolutely insisting that they have to have some language in order to take care of some problem and, regardless of whether you can ever figure out what in blazes they're talking about, they insist that the language is necessary. And you know that, unless you agree with them, that somebody will never get bonds approved, so you finally just give up and you say, okay, you can have your language; I don't think it hurts anything and I can't imagine what you're talking about so it's okay. Sometimes we add about a yard to the statutes in that process; sometimes we add a foot; maybe in this instance we're only going to add about, what, about five inches of text, so I guess this doesn't hurt anything. But I think it does illustrate something that I think ought to be of concern to us, and it is the genesis for the audit amendment in the first place. We have what most people would want to be as a very tightly sealed black hole in state government. All the rest of state government is open to the sunshine. Remember the sunshine laws that we have? There is no, to my estimation, comparable black hole in state government except maybe for juvenile court records, and those are sealed for a different reason. The economic development incentive acts are a black hole about which our citizenry and even we know very little in terms of what goes